Allotment of land to companies for SEZ

4452. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of land allotted for SEZs to Ascendas of Singapore, Brandix of Sri Lanka, Infosys of Bangalore, Jindal Steel, The Chatterjee Group, Tatas, Mahindras and Reliance during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) what is the demand of private companies for allotment of land, State-wise;

(c) the present policy of Government to tackle this problem; and

(d) what is the policy of Government in respect of promoting and protecting the interests of industries *vis-a-vis* protecting the interest of farmers and land owners?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) Extent of land involved in SEZs formally approved in the case of Brandix India Apparel City Private Ltd., Infosys Technologies, Jindal Stainless Ltd., Tata Consultancy Services Ltd., Mahindra Gesco Developers Ltd., M/s. Reliance, M/s. Ascendas and The Chatterjee Group is as follows:—

Name of Developer	Exent of land (in hectares)
Brandix India Apparel City Private Ltd.	404.7 (Andhra Pradesh)
Infosys Technologies	155.99 (Karnataka) and 79.8 (Maharashtra)
Jindal Stainless Ltd.	446 (Orissa)
Tata Consultancy Services Ltd.	70.5 (Tamil Nadu)
Mahindra Gesco Developers Ltd	28 (Maharashtra) and 49 (Rajasthan)
Reliance Infrastructure Ltd.	1224 (Gujarat)
Information Technology Parks Limited (Ascendas)	10.879 (Karnataka)
International Biotech Park (Chatterjee Group)	13 (Maharashtra)
TCG Urban Infrastructure Holdings Limited	12 (Kerala)

(b) Land being a State subject, decision to identify or allot land for various purposes including Special Economic Zone (SEZ) is taken by the respective State Governments in accordance with the policies and procedures laid down for the purpose. Only the proposals duly recommended by the State Governments are granted approval by the Central Government. The extent of land involved in the 234 formal approvals granted till date is about 33,808 hectares which was already in possession of the State Governments, State Industrial Corporations or private developers.

(c) and (d) Various issues concerning the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) policy including issues relating to land acquisition for SEZs have been considered by the Government and it has been decided that the State Government would not undertake any compulsory acquisition of land for such SEZs approved after 5th April, 2007. It has also been decided to fix the upper limit of the area required for multi product SEZs at 5000 hectares with the provision that the State Governments may prescribe a lower limit. Further, the Ministry of Rural Development has been requested to reformulate a comprehensive Land Acquisition Act to address all relevant issues and also to work out a comprehensive Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policy ensuring livelihood from the project to at least one person from each displaced family.

Investment by Japanese companies

†4453. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Japanese companies are planning to invest in India;

(b) if so, in which sectors they would investment; and

(c) whether India and Japan have entered into any agreement in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Investments are proposed in sectors such as Automobiles, Auto-components, Chemicals, Electricals, Glass, etc.

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